During 1992-93 Marketing season, Market Intervention Scheme for purchase of Kinu|Malta was operated in Punjab, UP, Haryana and Rajasthan and a total quantity of 3432 M|Ts has been purchased in these States. NAFED and the State designated agencies made procurement as per availability of stocks at the agreed Market Intervention price in all the four states.

(c) No such report has been received from far Eastern States.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) NAFED has made a modest beginning by exporting about 20 M|T of Kinu to Sri Lanka during the last Marketing season. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority has formulated an export enhancement programme for horticultural produce according to which Kinu can also be exported to South East Asian countries.

Spread of Thai SAC Brood Virus Disease among Indian Bees

2054. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to an article published in Indian Express of Pune on 21st April, 1993 entitled "your bees are dying" by Jan Olsson;

(b) whether Government are aware of the spread of Thai Sac Brood virus disease, originating in China among Indian bees; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to develop bees which are resistant to this viral disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) As a part of good bee management, work on selective breeding with relatively resistant stocks of the Indian Honeybee, *Apis cerana indica* has been intensified. Also possibility of selective introduction of the European Honey Bee, *Apis mellifera* which is resistant to this viral disease is being explored.

देश में कुल कृषि योग्य भूमि

2055. **श्री वीरेन जे. शाह :**

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भौगोलिक दृष्टि से देश में 329 मिलियन हेक्टेयर कृषि-योग्य भूमि उपलब्ध है और एक अध्ययन के अनुसार इस समय केवल 186 मिलियन हेक्टेयर भूमि पर कृषि कार्य किया जा रहा है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि अभी तक केवल 142 से 143 मिलियन हेक्टेयर भूमि पर कृषि हो रही है;

(ग) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) कृषि-योग्य शेष भूमि का ब्यौरा क्या है और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि में ऐसी भूमि पर कृषि-कार्य कराने के लिए सरकार ने क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए हैं तथा कृषि प्रयोजनों के लिए इस भूमि का उपयोग न करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) देश का भौगोलिक क्षेत्रफल 328.73 मिलियन हैक्टेयर है । भूउपयोग सांख्यिकी 1989-90 (नवीनतम उपलब्ध) के अनुसार कुल कृष्य भूमि 184.47 मिलियन हेक्टेयर थी।